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but that now, as in Darwin's time, many most valuable data are to be gleaned from such serials as are enumerated above. It would be well if the new annual could undertake this work also.

We welcome the news that America is at last to have a representative Journal of Physiology; and it is especially gratifying that it is to embrace all fields of physiology, including bio-chemistry, physiological morphology and the physiology of invertebrates. The Journal will be edited by a representative Committee of the American Physiological Society, and will be under the immediate charge of Dr. W. T. Porter of the Harvard Medical School. The price has been set at five dollars per volume of about five hundred pages. The editors modestly suggest that not more than one volume a year will be necessary; we, however, confidently expect that in a few years the American Journal of Physiology will be rolling up as many volumes a year as Pflüger's Archiv does. To enable it to do this, however, it will need the subscriptions of all who are interested in its success. The subscriptions may be sent to Dr. Porter.

Prof. Baur's Observations on the Origin of the Galapagos Islands, begun in the August number, will continue in October.

RECENT LITERATURE.

Tarr's Elementary Geology.¹—A small octavo volume intended by the author as a text-book for use in secondary schools. The main facts of structural and dynamic geology are given in a graphic, concise way that will best impress a young student. Stratigraphic geology is somewhat curtailed in treatment in accordance with the author's views as to the need of the average high school student. We notice in the time-scale that Pleistocene is adopted instead of the older Quaternary and Eocene and Neocene used in place of Tertiary.

The illustrations are numerous, many of them being original. They comprise 25 page plates and 485 reproductions from photographs and diagrams in the text.

Mr. Tarr is to be congratulated upon having chosen judiciously from a mass of material the facts necessary to a good foundation for further study of the history of the earth.

U. S. Commission of Fish and Fisheries.²—The report of

¹ Elementary Geology. By R. S. Tarr. New York, 1897. 8vo, MacMillan & Co., \$1.40.

² U. S. Commission of Fish and Fisheries, Pt. XXI. Report of the Commissioner for the year ending June 30, 1895. Washington, 1896.